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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EAST AFRICAN AIRLINE PLANE HIJACKED

1. EAST AFRICAN AIRLINE FLIGHT 301 EN ROUTE TO MOMBASA FROM NAIROBI WAS HIJACKED AT ABOUT 0930 OR 1000 THIS MORNING. HIJACKED AIRCRAFT IS SHORT RANGE FOKKER FRIENDSHIP WITH CREW OF FOUR AND THIRTY-ONE PASSENGERS ON BOARD. AIRCRAFT FORCED TO FLY ENTEBBE, UGANDA, WHERE IT LANDED AT 1135 LOCAL. ACCORDING TO KENYAN AUTHORITIES, PLANE NOW ON GROUND AT ENTEBBE SURROUNDED BY UGANDAN MILITARY PERSONNEL. HIJACKER, WHO IS APPARENTLY ARAB, IS DEMANDING FUEL TO ENABLE HIM TO GO TO LIBYA VIA STOP IN KHARTOUM FOR FURTHER REFUELING. HIJACKER IS ARMED WITH GUN AND THREATENS TO BLOW UP PLANE IF MORE THAN ONE PERSON APPROACHES TO REFUEL. UGANDAN OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY NEGOTIATING WITH HIM.

2. WE HAVE THUS FAR BEEN UNABLE TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER ANY AMERICAN
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CITIZENS WERE ON BOARD HIJACKED AIRCRAFT. WE EXPECT TO OBTAIN

COPY OF PASSENGER MANIFEST SHORTLY, BUT, SINCE EC-301 INTERNAL FLIGHT, NATIONALITY OF PASSENGERS WILL NOT BE INDICATED. AS SOON AS WE GOT NEWS, WE ALERTED GERMAN EMBASSY AND BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION IN KAMPALA BY TELEPHONE. GERMAN EMBASSY, WHICH CURRENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR U.S. INTERESTS IN UGANDA, HAS SENT OFFICIAL TO AIRPORT TO ASSIST ANY AMERICAN OR WEST GERMAN CITIZEN WHO MAY BE ON BOARD IN EVENT OF THEIR RELEASE.
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